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## PREFACE

Since 1965, the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (OFCM) has developed a federal plan that articulates the provision of meteorological services and supporting research by agencies of the federal government. OFCM's Federal Plan provides Congress and the Executive Branch with a comprehensive publication that documents proposed programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 and reviews agency programs in FY 2002. Narratives, timelines, and schedules are current as of June 2002.

The Federal Plan consists of an Executive Summary, three sections, and Appendices. The Executive Summary provides a high-level view of the federal resources dedicated to meteorological programs and contains information which also serves as a concise, stand-alone report. This year, the feature article (Section 1) is titled *The Need For Weather Information For Surface Transportation: Keeping The Country Safe And On The Move*. The article describes interagency activities underway within the federal transportation and meteorology communities. Section 2 summarizes the resources requested in the President's FY 2003 Budget and includes a comparison of the resources that Congress appropriated for FY 2002. Section 3 contains departmental and agency narratives on meteorological services and supporting research programs. This section also includes information on programs funded by the National Science Foundation. Appendices A through D describe the OFCM's coordination, program, and planning activities (Appendix A); summarizes the World Meteorological Organization's World Weather Program (Appendix B); provides a listing of previous feature articles (Appendix C); and defines acronyms and abbreviations (Appendix D). The inside front cover lists the current members of the Federal and Interdepartmental Committees for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research. The inside back cover displays a schematic of OFCM's coordinating infrastructure.



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